



U.S. Air Force AIM POINTS

A daily summary of news, messages and communication tactics to help AF people tell the AF story.

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NEWS ABOUT THE MILITARY

- **Tankers:** CBO says separate contracts would save more money. ([Def Daily](#))^{eb} Lease-buy must ensure other programs are protected. ([Def News](#) opinion)^{eb} How many jobs for Boeing? ([Wichita Eagle](#))^{eb}
- **Academy:** Weida wants teams to continue to compete in NCAA Division I. ([CSG](#))
- **Mil response to suggestions,** criticism in wake of assault scandals falls short or flat. ([Denver Post](#) Pt 3)
- **SECDEF** is 'in the cross hairs.' ([AF Times](#) opinion)^{eb}
- **AF hopes new efficiency** initiatives will help balance out manpower stress, strain. ([AF Times](#))^{eb}
- **US revises plans** for future wars, assumes conflicts will be faster, use fewer troops. ([Wash Post](#))^{eb}
- **AF looks into 'long-dwell'** platform for tracking friendly forces on battlefield. ([Aerospace Daily](#))^{eb}
- **Transformation:** Services' view of change differs. ([MC Times](#))^{eb} Q & A on training changes with DEP-USECDEF for Readiness. ([Mil Training Technology](#))^{eb}
- **TRANSCOM to lead** integrated military supply ordering, distribution system. ([IL Business Journal](#))^{eb}
- **New Dover mortuary** already well-used. ([DMN](#))^{eb}
- **DoD 'variable pricing' study** could result in higher commissary prices ([AF Times](#))^{eb}

OIF & WAR ON TERRORISM NEWS

- **US destroys homes** of suspected militants in Sunni Triangle with tanks, helicopters. ([Phila Inq](#))^{eb}
- **Bush: US troops won't leave** Iraq once power transfers to new civilian govt. ([NYT](#))^{eb}
- **Iraq's interim constitution** to be ready by the end of Feb, Bremer says. ([AFP](#))
- **Helos:** Army reviews security measures. ([CNN](#)) US to fly lower, faster to avoid attack. ([DMN](#))^{eb}
- **US to speed up bidding** program for reconstruction work in Iraq. ([WSJ](#))^{eb}
- **EU countries support British** initiative to train 25,000 Iraqi security forces. ([Financial Times](#))^{eb}
- **CIA: No evidence** Saddam tried to give chem/bio weapons or technology to al Qaeda. ([Guardian](#))
- **4th FW's missions** in Iraq legendary. ([AF Times](#))^{eb}
- **UN halts aid work** in southern, eastern Afghanistan after three attacks in last week. ([Phila Inq](#))^{eb}
- **Afghan fighters trade** weapons for cash, food, clothes under UN-sponsored program. ([LA Times](#))^{eb}
- **TSA toughens inspection** rules for cargo on planes within, to and from US. ([CNN](#))
- **USO puts together** holiday show for troops. ([AFPS](#))

OF INTEREST

- **Britain on highest security** for Bush's four-day visit; president arrives in London tonight. ([CNN](#))
- **S Korea:** SECDEF, counterpart agree on plan to withdraw US troops from DMZ. ([WSJ](#))^{eb}
- **CDC: Flu season** could be worse than usual. ([AP](#))

TODAY'S MESSAGE

AFMC's Arnold Engineering Development Center is assisting NASA with space shuttle component redesign efforts, critical to the shuttle's safe return to flight.

Test personnel from AEDC, NASA's Marshall Flight Center, the Michoud Assembly Facility and the Johnson Space Flight Center performed a series of tests to examine and evaluate a redesigned component, the bipod closeout area, a potential replacement for the foam bipod ramp on future external tanks.

The first test of the series occurred in June. Mounting an AEDC-designed and fabricated 100% scale model of the as-built bipod ramp in the tunnel, test personnel generated an environment similar to that encountered at various flight stages to observe the aerodynamic flow conditions.

AEDC was selected for the testing because it could

- Simulate the required test conditions
- Meet NASA's schedule, since all data collected is instrumental to efforts to get the shuttle back in flight

AF PEOPLE ARE SAYING...

- These **tests at AEDC** greatly expanded NASA's database of localized thermal and pressure measurements in the bipod region, thereby improving data simulations, which influence design requirements. (AEDC Project Engineer, Nov 03)

IDEAS THAT WORK

- For more details, read the AFMCNS story on [AEDC's testing of the shuttle bipod ramp](#).
- For more information on **AEDC**, visit the center's Web site at www.arnold.af.mil.

TODAY'S INTERVIEWS

- **Various media** cover USECAF's testimony to SASC on new National Security Space AQ Policy
- **Dayton OH local, regional media** w/ AF/HO on release of AF Museum working group's final report
- **Inside the AF** w/ AFMC's deputy directors for depot maintenance & supply management on OIF/OEF support, cost savings, surge, future requirements
- **AFPN** w/ AF/IL on strategic map for future logistics

CALENDAR

- [News briefing](#) via video teleconference from Baghdad w/ 82nd Airborne Division commander on activities in Al Anbar province, 0900 ET
- [USECAF, SMC/CC testify](#) before SASC Subcommittee on Strategic Forces on space AQ policies, processes; 1400 ET
- [SASC holds confirmation hearing](#) for Michael Wynne, nominated to be USECDEF for AQ, Technology & Logistics, 1600 ET